

SIXTY MASONS VISIT WILSON

Members of Concord Lodge Enjoying Stay in Capital.

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Dawson Lodge Is Host at Merry-making—Judge Strasburger Presides—Rev. Willey Speaks.

Four hundred Masons last night attended a banquet given at New Masonic Temple by Dawson Lodge, No. 16, P. A. A. M., in honor of a delegation of sixty members of Concord Lodge, No. 628, P. A. A. M., of Concordville, Pa., who now are on a fraternal visit to the National Capital.

Judge Milton Strasburger, of the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia, was toastmaster. The principal address was by Rev. Earle Willey, pastor of Vermont Avenue Christian Church. A program of musical numbers was interspersed. Following the banquet the members of the visiting delegation witnessed the conferring of the first degree by Dawson Lodge.

Received by President.

The delegation arrived here yesterday shortly after 6 o'clock and proceeded to the White House, where the members were received by President Wilson.

The officers of Concord Lodge are: Francis H. Williamson, master; John S. McConnell, senior warden; Horace S. Griffith, junior warden; William T. Pyle, secretary; William H. Miller, treasurer; Lewis S. Williamson, chaplain; J. William Brinton, senior deacon; Isiah M. Heyburn, junior deacon; C. Canby Darlington, purveyor; J. Richard I. Griffith, senior master of ceremonies; David B. Martin, junior master of ceremonies; Hartman R. Harvey and Isaac Corns, stewards; Edward G. Barnett, teller.

The officers of Dawson Lodge are: Royal E. Corwin, master; Perry P. Patrick, senior warden; Frederick E. Hodge, junior warden; John A. Colborn, secretary; Joseph P. Stephenson, treasurer; Charles Boyd, master of ceremonies; William H. Murray, senior deacon; Rodney G. Brown, junior deacon; Wisdom D. Brown, senior steward; William R. Crailson, junior steward; James T. Moulden.

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Trip "Up the Hudson" Ends in Office Where Col. Kroll and Cupid Preside

H. V. Blachel, a window dresser of New York—or, as his business card states, The Bronx, U. S. A.—was a happy man yesterday. He came to Col. Kroll, the marriage license clerk, who issued a license to him which permitted him to marry Miss Eugenie Pauline Bantley, 4 years old, of New York, that he was about as happy a man as could be found.

As Mr. Blachel presented himself to Col. Kroll he confided that he was 42 years old, and that he has survived one wife. His new partner, he stated, is worth \$80,000 in her own name, and he has his own fortune.

"Then you are both comfortably fixed?" asked Col. Kroll.

"Yes," he said, Mr. Blachel. "We have all we want."

Mr. Blachel told Col. Kroll that he and Miss Bantley bade good-bye to friends in New York last night, and started on

here or anywhere else, but on the whole this has served the National Capital well and it ought not, we think, to be changed without better reason than has so far been given."

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"Not one acre of public land or one dollar of public money on this account has ever been given by the United States to the District of Columbia," he declared.

In addition Mr. Macfarland invited the attention of the committee to the fact that by act of June 23, 1838, Congress distributed to the various States as "deposits" from the Federal Treasury, subject to call, \$23,101,644.51, not one dollar of which ever has been recalled, or returned to the Federal Treasury. Going further, Mr. Macfarland pointed to the appropriations for colleges for agriculture and mechanical arts and agricultural experiment stations, under the so-called Morrill acts, as a result of which an aggregate of \$30,302,000 had been paid out for the colleges, and \$7,578,861.19 for experimental stations in the various States and Territories up to and including the last fiscal year. For the last fiscal year alone these contributions totaled \$3,500,000 for the colleges and \$1,428,379.57 for the experiment stations. No appropriation whatever has been made under the Morrill acts for the District of Columbia.

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"I don't understand, myself," declared Mr. Macfarland in reply to a question, "how opponents of the half-and-half plan can show the statistics they have when they must have known that accurate and authoritative figures were available."

The effort to explain this discrepancy, as well as to offer the opponents of the half-and-half plan fair opportunity for the presentation of their side, the committee plans to hold a series of public hearings of the Congressional opposition as possible. In addition they will call former Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, who as a member of the House, served on the committee which virtually wrote the act of 1873, but who last year, in a newspaper interview, announced a complete change of heart. Among the members of the last Congress who will be called are Senators Kenyon and James, and Representatives Page, Prouty, Johnson and Clegg. They probably will not be called, however, until the citizens' committee have been given an opportunity to place their statistics and the experts of the Census Office on the stand to substantiate the statements in their brief.

TWO WOMEN ASPHYXIIATED.

Mrs. Collier and Daughter Found Dead by Other Daughters.

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Both the asphyxiated women were invalids. Their room was heated by a gas stove. The tube connecting the heater with a wall bracket had been dislodged. Corner Nevitt issued a certificate of accidental death.

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Berlin Churches Celebrate Reign of Kaiser's Family.

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Thousands of people who could not gain entrance to the Cathedral packed the streets outside cheering the Emperor.

Sub Forces German Ship Aground.

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PROSPERITY HERE CAN BE CHECKED

Tucker Tells Civic Body Inquiry by Congress Has Great Importance.

SOME MEMBERS JEALOUS

District Taxes Equal Those of Cities of City's Size—Edwards Heads Northeast Association.

Washington's prosperity and even its life is contingent upon the maintenance of the half-and-half plan, and the present Congressional investigation into the equity of the system of taxation constitutes the most important era in its history, Evan H. Tucker, president of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association, said last night at a meeting of the Lincoln Park Citizens' Association at the Chapel of the Nativity.

Mr. Tucker gave statistics to prove that the District is bearing its share of taxes, and announced his faith in the equity of the present system.

"Many Congressmen who come to Washington," said Mr. Tucker, "apparently are jealous or envious of the District, and feel that Washington is getting more than its share. I am confident that this is not the feeling of their constituents."

"The District gives as much, if not more, than other cities. Of fifty-nine cities of the size of Washington, only three are taxed as heavily. When it is said that the District has done nothing for the government, it must be remembered that the original owners of the District gave five-sixths of their holdings to the Federal government."

"The half-and-half plan has stood the test of forty years. On its maintenance depends the life, as well as the prosperity of the District. I am confident in the belief that the plan is just and equitable."

"The present era is comparable only with that of the period between 1874 and 1878, when the system of government was changed. By raising taxes, Congress can only drive persons in Washington to other cities."

A referendum resolution regarding the desirability of prohibition, submitted by President Edwards as delegate to the federation, was referred to the committee on public health.

FUNERAL OF MARLOW WILL BE TOMORROW

Funeral services for Edwin S. Marlow, manager of the commercial department of the Potomac Electric Power Company, who died yesterday, will be held at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

These honorary pallbearers were named last night in addition to the six bearers who will be chosen from among his relatives. They are: Charles P. Kline, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company; William F. Ham, vice president of that company; former Senator William F. Jackson; Lindsey E. Sinclair, G. Wardfield Simpson; John C. Walker, Ralph W. Lee, Walter D. Walker, Benjamin Woodruff, William J. McNally and John G. Hodges.

POLI COMPANY TO PLAY "INSIDE THE LINES"

By a clever bit of managerial generalship, Mr. S. Z. Poli has secured for presentation by the Poli Players next week in this season's biggest success, "Inside the Lines," which is now enjoying its fourth phenomenally successful week in Chicago.

Inasmuch as Mr. Poli was able to secure "Inside the Lines" for next week, he has decided to defer the presentation of "The Dummy" until later in the week. "Inside the Lines" will be the first war play to be produced in Washington. It is a thrilling drama dealing with spectacular incidents in the present world war. The play is being presented in Chicago now, with Lewis S. Stone as the hero, and Carroll McCormack, as the heroine. In the Poli production next week, A. H. Van Buren will be seen in the role of the hero who is suspected of being a spy, and Florence Rittenhouse will be the heroine who is instrumental in saving the life and reputation of the man of her heart.

The play will be elaborately staged, exactly as when presented in New York City, at the beginning of the current theatrical season.

M'NAMARA IS PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL CITIZENS

Speakers Declare Northeast Section of Capital Is Being Discriminated in Improvement.

M. J. McNamara was elected president of the Central Citizens' Association at its first meeting of the year, held at the North Capital Savings Bank.

Other officers elected were J. L. Holland, first vice president; Edward Beek, second vice president; H. C. Reinhardt, treasurer; John McMahon, secretary; L. A. Rover, delegate to the federation; and Robert A. Dore, alternate.

Addresses were made by Dr. Kilroy, B. F. Rover, and J. L. Holland. The speakers declared that the northeastern section of the city is being discriminated against in the matter of improvements. The association endorsed a resolution of the American Federation of Labor recommending a 60 per cent increase in the pay of the janitors in the public schools.

Germans Apologize to Swis.

London, Oct. 25.—Germany has apologized to Switzerland, says a Central News dispatch from Zurich, for the air raid upon Chaux-de-Fonds, explaining that the airplane was dropped bombs lost control of his machine, but that he has been punished.



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The Town Crier

"The Home Club Players" held their first rehearsal of two one-act comedies, which they will produce early next month at the Home Club, 14 Jackson place, last night. The comedies are entitled, "The Lobbyist," and "The Boarding School," and are from the pen of Mrs. Leo Colin and Donald McLaren, two members of the organization. Herman Walker is president of "The Home Club Players."

Rev. Dr. James Sherr Montgomery, pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, and W. W. Millan were the guests of honor last night at a dinner of the Potomac Electric Power Company, which began a series of health lectures which have been planned for the winter months.

Washington Lodge, B. P. O. E. No. 15, will hold a Halloween dance Monday evening at the clubhouse and the Marine Band orchestra will furnish the music.

Mrs. H. E. Monroe and Capt. McKee will be the featured artists of the services continuing the fall jubilee of the Gospel Mission, which opened Sunday and will continue until October 31. The leaders last night were W. H. Wornesley and Rev. W. A. Melvin.

Mrs. Mamie Palmer Dorsey, president of the Department of the Potomac Women's Relief Corps, will begin her inspections of the local branches Thursday and has issued an order calling for the participation of all the members of her staff in the tour.

At a meeting of the Knights of Sir Godfrey, held in the Y. M. C. A. boys' department yesterday afternoon, Charles P. Baker spoke on South America. Mr. Baker has for the past seven years served our government in the capacity of vice consul at Valparaiso, Chile. The Knights of Sir Godfrey is an organization composed of older high school students and employed boys, who meet every Sunday afternoon for study at the association building. This year they will take up the study of South America.

The Men's Unitarian Church has invited the members of the Women's Alliance of the church to hold a joint meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the church. Reports on the national unitarian conference held last August in San Francisco will be read.

Maj. Richard W. Pullman, superintendent of police, was lauded for his services in connection with censorship of theatrical exhibitions in Washington at a meeting of the Washington Truth Society last night.

Rev. P. C. Gavan, rector of the National Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Mount Pleasant, was last night installed as spiritual director of the District Holy Name Union, at a meeting held in St. Stephen's Lyric. Delegates from all branches of the society in the District were in attendance and gave the new director a cordial welcome.

A mass meeting has been called for tonight in the auditorium of the Public Library to consider declarations as to the need for the extension of international government to the Americas as a unit to Europe and to the world. George H. Shibley, president of the League for World Peace, will speak.

The devotion of the forty hours, which began in St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Sixth and E streets southwest, last Sunday morning, will close this evening at 7:30 o'clock when a procession of the men of the parish and the children of the Sunday school will take place. This will be followed by benediction of the most blessed sacrament, at which the pastor of the church, Very Rev. G. I. Conlon, O. P., and several of his assistants will participate.

With a sermon by Rev. S. Beattie Wyllie, of New Castle, Del., the Baltimore synod of the Presbyterian church will open a three-day conference at the Eckington Presbyterian Church, North Capitol street and Florida avenue, at 7:45 o'clock tonight. Following the sermon roll will be called, a good number of reports read by standing committees.

DUMBA DENIES SNUBS.
Praises Americans and British for Treatment Accorded.
Berlin, Oct. 25.—Dr. Constantine T. Dumba, former Ambassador to the United States, who arrived from New York on Sunday, declared today that he had been treated with the greatest courtesy by both American and British officials.

"British officers who came on board the ship when we were in English waters treated us with the greatest courtesy," he said.

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